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Food and Drug Administration
Fishers Lane
Room 1471
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to request that you begin to test and label genetically modified foods. Consumers have the right to know exactly what they are buying. Many of us do not want animal genes, bacterium and such items spliced into our foods. If there is indeed nothing wrong with such foods, as the manufacturer claim, then they should not be concerned about labeling them as GMOs. Let the consumer decide.

There have not been enough independent studies to conclusively say that such *franken foods* are safe, both to humans and other species in our ecosystem, or what the long-term effects may be from altering the natural state of our foods. Many nations have already rejected the import of such foods, and I think their decision need not be overlooked.

I urge you to reject the claims of the food industry, who have a vested interest in seeing GMOs gain approval, and consider the views of consumers, whose interest lie only with our health and that of our environment.

Sincerely,



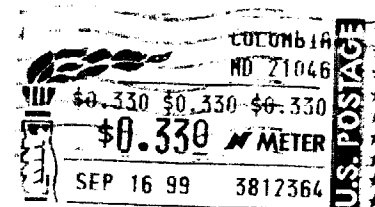
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